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1. Q. Did you observe any blind, crippled, or malnourished persons in cities or rural areas?
- A. I saw very few people in these categories, no more than a half dozen in all. I did see some beggars at the entrance to a church in Moscow, but not any on the streets.
2. Q. What is the state of municipal sanitation in regard to:
- a. Cleanliness of streets and public buildings?
- A. The streets were kept quite clean except for the old quarters of Tbilisi. Kharkov was very clean in comparison with Tbilisi. Women do most of the street cleaning and we noticed gangs of them working at all hours to remove snow and clean the streets. Most of the railroad stations were quite new, clean, and pretty well kept, although they look as though they were thrown up in a hurry without much concern for how long they will last. Our hotels were uniformly Victorian but clean.
- b. Spitting?
- A. I noticed no more of this than would be ordinarily seen in the US.
- c. Water supply?
- A. The water supply always seemed to be ample for our needs. We never had any hot water in Moscow, but we always did outside the city. I never noticed an area which seemed to have a shortage.

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d. Refuse disposal?

A. I didn't notice any large accumulations of garbage anywhere. They seem to dispose of it quite rapidly.

e. Posters?

A. I saw surprisingly few posters and other signs. There were a few which could be seen from our train windows. They were generally calling for peace or something of a political nature.

f. Smells?

A. We didn't notice any particular odors, but of course it was winter and you would expect them to be minimized. We all remarked about the strange odor in the Lenin-Stalin tomb. Incidentally, the body of Lenin looks a little bit the worse for wear, but better than I had expected that it would.

3. Q. What sort of food were you served?

A. The food was good. We ate a lot of beef steak because that was one thing that we could recognize on the menu and order ourselves. In Intourist Hotels there was good variety including potatoes (always fried -- the only mashed potatoes I had were at the [redacted] in Zagorsk), a vegetable such as carrots or peas, canned fruit, bread and butter, meat and fruit water (mineral water with flavor added - like our soda pop). We were not rationed or limited in any way. In fact, some of the group would order as many as three steaks at a meal.

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